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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Vaudrey et al.

Appl. No. 09/934,541

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For: Use of Voice-to-Remaining Audio (VRA)  
in Consumer Applications

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Examiner: Abebe, D.

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2002, the one month statutory period for reply being extended to January 13, 2003 as January 11, 2003 falls on a Saturday, Applicants submit the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-180 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the amended claims below for the pending claims with the same claim numbers. A marked-up version of the prior pending claims, with all changes shown by strikethrough (deletion) and underlining (insertion), is attached hereto.

1. (Amended) A system for providing a user with voice-to-remaining audio (VRA) adjustment capability comprising:

a decoder simultaneously receiving a first signal comprising substantially vocal signal information and a second signal comprising substantially information other than the vocal signal information of the first signal, wherein the first signal and the second signal are received separately by the decoder.